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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Please amend claims 39 and add new claim 42 as follows:

39. (Twice Amended) A rock bit comprising:

a body;

at least one cutting cone rotatably mounted to an end of the body, wherein the cone includes a gage surface at a heel portion of the cone; and

a number of teeth on the cone, the teeth including a plurality of inner row teeth and a plurality of gage row teeth located near a heel of each cone, wherein the teeth include a hardfacing comprising,

steel, and

filler in the range of from 50 to 80 percent by weight, the filler comprising in the range of from 20 to 100 percent by weight spherical cast tungsten carbide.

42. (New) A rock bit as recited in claim 39 wherein the hardfacing comprises filler comprising in the range from 25 to 100 percent by weight spherical cast tungsten carbide.